

INITIAL 26 PoWs, ALL WOUNDED, EXCHANGED FOR 412 EGYPTIANS

By ZEEV SCHUL, Jerusalem Post Military Reporter

LOD AIRPORT. — Twenty-six Israeli prisoners of war, all wounded during the October war on the Egyptian front, were flown home yesterday. The thin, pale men, in their loudly striped Egyptian pyjamas and their heads shaven, were the first Israelis to be repatriated under the cease-fire agreement with Egypt. In exchange, Israel returned 412 Egyptian prisoners, including 162 wounded men, on four Red Cross flights.

The 26 were the only Israelis to be returned yesterday. Sixteen others who were supposed to arrive including nine who have been in Egyptian captivity for four years (since the War of Attrition) did not show up, for what the Egyptians called "technical reasons." They are expected today.

Two of the returnees had to be carried down from the plane on stretchers, one of them accompanied by a nurse supervising an infusion. The others limped and hobbled, but made their own way. All 26 carried little bouquets of flowers which had been given to them by girl soldiers when their plane landed at 11.30 a.m.

One man, both his legs in plaster casts, was carried down the gangway of the DC-6 by two wellcomers, in a "dramatic grip."

The men tried hard to remain unemotional. So did the panel of well-wishers led by the President's wife, Nina Katsir; Defence Minister Moshe Dayan; the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf David Elazar; the Commander of the Air Force, Aluf Binyamin Peled; and his predecessor, Aluf Mordechai Hod.

But some of the wellcomers at the terminal were openly at the sight of a flapping, empty sleeve or trouser leg. Others tried to overcome the tension by clapping and cheering — and the homecomers waved back and grinned.

The arrival of the red-and-white striped Lod Airport touched off a traffic jam on the highway slammed the field, as motorists skidded on their brakes to watch the plane land.

The 26 wounded Israelis, who were whisked off to Sheba Hospital in waiting ambulances, are Amnada Alkaisy, Gideon Goldman, Mordechai Galil, Yitzhak Dadiak, Yisrael Doblar, David Dalalim, Shmuel Harel, Aviezer Herman, Avraham Weiss, Eliezer Vishnitsky, Ya'acov Gihli, Meir Silbermann, Elhan Zaki, Gavriel Hajbi, Elhan Ya'acobi, Asher Korom, David Levi, Yehayahu Mor, Moshe Nisenzhan, Avihail Peled, Yosef Peled, Yisrael Katsir, Ron Rosen, Menahem Rittenband, Amos Rinat, and Pedro Ran.

Just after 2 p.m. the families of the wounded returnees were allowed to meet their boys for the first time. They were escorted through the police barriers at Tel Hashomer, although all other visitors and curiosity-seekers were kept out.

Kupat Holim yesterday invited every returning POW and a close member of his family, to spend a weekend in a Kupat Holim rest home of his choice. Applications must be made to the Kupat Holim central office in Tel Aviv.

At 1.45 p.m. a tractor working on the side of the Little Bitter Lake was fired at by Egyptian light weapons. The fire was returned.

On the Syrian front tension was maintained for over five hours in the Masyaf Beit Jann area when the Syrians fired at irregular intervals from light arms, mortars or tank guns. The fire was returned.

YARIV, GAMAZY Contact with Syria, Dayan says

ANAN SAFADI, Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

ETRE 101, Cairo-Suez Highway. — Israel and Egypt yesterday began talks on the second stage concerning the disengagement of forces on the west bank of the Suez waterway, the outstanding clause in the six-point cease-fire agreement which the accord of the exchange of war prisoners yesterday.

Yariv and Egyptian General Mohammed Gamazy, attended the talks on the meeting, but Silasvuo said that it dealt with the exchange of war prisoners in the cease-fire agreement.

After a while, a few red-painted trucks approached the pen from Suez together with about 50 Egyptian soldiers in civilian clothes. The soldiers entered the pen in pairs and began to unload the trucks.

Carts of Cleopatra cigarettes, sacks of flour, tomatoes, oranges, Soviet-made processed milk, matches, and chewing-gum were among the not particularly appetizing provisions being off-loaded. The radio commentator noted that everything appeared to be carefully packed, and the fruit and vegetables looked half-rotten.

Abir Aharon Yariv visited the area twice during the day to confer with the U.N. officer in charge of the operation — a Finnish colonel — and see that everything was going according to plan. He was followed by a number of Israeli soldiers, who had just heard that our prisoners were on the way home, and asked when their turn would come. Aluf Yariv's laconic reply: "It will be some time yet."

While the Suez residents appeared to be relieved to receive the provisions, one citizen remarked: "If you are bringing us food, it is a sign that peace is on the way."

But a couple of Egyptian soldiers grumbled to their Israeli counterparts while they were waiting for the trucks to come from Suez: "The civilians in Suez don't really need the provisions — they have enough food."

Washington sees move after PoWs

ERWIN FRENKEL, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Following the prisoner exchange, the U.S. State Department is expected to be the separation of forces in the Sinai Peninsula.

It was pointed out here that such an idea advanced in the past by Senator William Fulbright does not reflect the views of Dr. Kissinger. The Secretary of State is said to hold, these sources say, that Israel should withdraw to secure and agreed borders — but that in addition such withdrawal should be supplemented by some form of guarantees.

Kissinger's return from East today it is expected U.S. will formulate specific proposals for the nature and type of guarantees to be conducted in the countries to be represented and the delegates. No such details have been worked out, it is said.

As informally raised three for an interim separation along the Canal.

Both sides would return to the October lines.

They would do so with a wide U.N. strip on the waterway.

The Third Army be permitted to cross back to Egypt, it is felt here, might give up its hold on the

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

LOD AIRPORT. — Defence Minister Moshe Dayan yesterday disclosed that Israel was maintaining contact with Syria — despite all reports to the contrary. "We have responded to their request for the resettlement of some 15,000 inhabitants in the areas held by us and have in turn made some 'far-reaching' proposals to them," he told this reporter when waiting for the wounded PoWs to alight from the plane.

Mr. Dayan made it clear that he was referring to areas taken during the recent conflict, adding that the inhabitants would be permitted to resettle under the supervision of the International Red Cross and the United Nations.

He was replied to a question concerning the fate of Israeli prisoners held in Syria and said: "Since this issue now appears to have been settled with the Egyptians, I hope that it will be settled with the Syrians as well."

Mr. Dayan did not reveal how Israel was communicating with the Syrians. Asked whether he was optimistic on the chances of obtaining a release of the men held in Syria, Mr. Dayan said: "I think that things have now begun to move on a practical level of negotiations and arrangements instead of fire and war. The fighting started when the Egyptians attempted to settle problems with their tanks and missiles. Now we can see the first results of talks; these are expressed not only by the return of the prisoners but also in keeping the Third Army supplied, preserving the authority of the U.N. Emergency Force."

He has at long last arrived at a stage where we are settling problems the way humans should, by negotiations and talking and not by means of war and fire," Mr. Dayan said.

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Wounded but happy Israeli prisoner waves bouquet of flowers as he is carried down from Red Cross plane by one of his comrades, after arriving at Lod Airport from Cairo yesterday. (Ephraim Golan)

12-ambulance convoy to Tel Hashomer

By THOMAS ACKERMAN, Pool Correspondent

TEL HASHOMER. — The 26 wounded PoWs, all wearing green, blue and white striped pajamas and all with close-cropped haircuts, arrived at the emergency ward of Tel Hashomer in a convoy of 12 ambulances. From there, they were transferred to respective wards depending on their injuries.

The 26 include five pilots, all of them shot down during the war. Some of the 26 emerged from the ambulances and walked with some support under their own power. Others were carried on stretchers. Some had head wounds and others had their legs in casts.

Crowds of several hundred bystanders and friends were repeatedly forced back by police from enveloping the ambulances as they rolled up to the emergency ward, their sirens wailing and their red lights flashing. Most of the ambulances bore the Magen David Adom, with the names of their American donors printed on the doors.

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Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Consumer Price Index rose 1.8 per cent last month, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday. The rise added three points to the indicator, and it now stands at 168.4.

The bureau said the advance was due mainly to seasonal price increases — in clothing and agricultural produce — as well as higher housing prices. October's increase means the index has risen by 17.9 per cent during the first 10 months of this year.

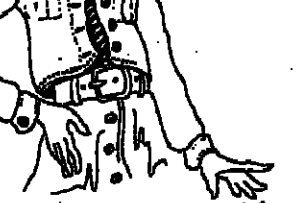
Following are some of the price changes that pushed the index up last month: Locally slaughtered beef up 2.1 per cent; frozen fish, 2.4; pork, 3.8; canned fish, 1.9; honey, 2.7; and restaurant meals.

Prices of fresh fruits rose by 14.9 per cent and vegetables by 1.5 per cent. Both increases were expected according to seasonal factors. Grape prices soared by 50.6 per cent; apples by 13.4; and pears by 6.2. Among the vegetables, the sharpest hikes were in the price of cucumbers — 27.2 per cent, followed by: green peppers, 19.4; eggplant, 14; onions, 12.2; and squash, 10.1.

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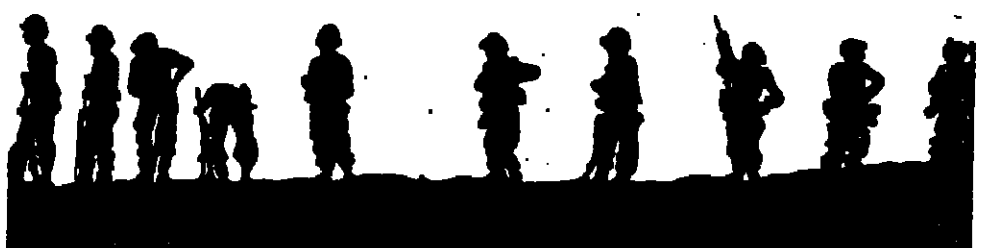
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HISTADRUT RABBI CHARGES:

Rabbis didn't do duty'

By MARK SEGAL, Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The rabbinical establishment, both military and civilian, failed to live up to its duties during the Yom Kippur War, says Rabbi Menachem Hacohen, head of the Histadrut Religious Affairs Department and communal rabbi of the Moshav Movement. He says that the Israeli rabbinate demonstrated complete alienation from the national emergency and the Jewish people's struggle for existence. He expressly excluded Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren and some Army chaplains from his strictures.

He said established religion in Israel — whether civil or military — failed to provide the religious needs of the observant fighting men in action during the war, which encompassed some of the major religious festivals.

Having spent most of the war with front-line units on the Golan Heights, Rabbi Hacohen declared: "At a time when men from all strata and sections of the nation gave their lives in defence of the Jewish people and its land, the Rabbinical Council was busily engaged in misleading the public by issuing public relations handouts replete with lies. At least 80 per cent of their claims about providing sacred objects and organizing activities for the soldiers during the battles were just a pack of lies."

One example he gave was the official announcement during the first days of the war that 1,000 scrolls of the Law were being taken to front-line units, "whereas in fact less than 100 were actually brought to the front."

These announcements were accompanied — he noted — with the names of religious politicians and

functionaries who were supposedly engaged in conveying these sacred objects to the fighting men. The religious and rabbinical institutions sought to demonstrate their existence by issuing press releases but that was as far as they got, he charged.

Rabbi Hacohen said he met more observant soldiers in this war than in his previous two wars "but there was no one to provide their religious needs." "The Rabbi, who made world news on Simhat Tora with his hakafot around tanks on the Syrian front with his own Shifrei Tora reported that during Succot his own personal set of the four species were handled by thousands of soldiers "because despite advance publicity none of the people who were supposed to be there reached the advance line units."

He was shocked to find that fighting units lacked not only Shifrei Tora but prayer books and shawls. "I met no one from either military or the civilian rabbinate at the front," he said, adding "I state all this with a deep sense of pain and concern."

Rabbi Hacohen related how Rabbi Goren had been on all fronts right up to the actual fighting lines during this war, and together with a crew from the Army Chaplaincy corps braved heavy enemy fire to retrieve the bodies of fallen soldiers for proper burial.

"But what Rabbi Goren did only highlights the inaction of the others," Rabbi Hacohen said, adding: "The Rabbinical establishment as a whole has to beg the Almighty for forgiveness of its sins of omission during the war. They have sinned against the Torah and against the people. Surely if there is to be an inquiry into what happened during the war it should include the rabbinate's failures."



Olympic athlete Yuval Wisnitzer has plenty of room to keep up with his training while on reserve duty in Sinai. (Upper)

Only one returned PoW in serious condition

TEL AVIV. — Only one of the 26 wounded Israeli PoWs returned yesterday from Egypt in serious condition — the rest are in good shape, the director of Sheba Hospital, Dr. Mordechai Shani, said yesterday.

He told an Army Radio interviewer that the morale of all the returned men was high. "In general, the medical treatment they received in Egypt was not bad at all," he added.

Dr. Shani said one of the returned PoWs — a fighter pilot —

told him that they had been kept in solitary confinement most of the time since their capture. "Now they all have a craving to talk about everything," he said. "The pilot's wife, incidentally, had given birth in Sheba Hospital two weeks ago."

The hospital's deputy director, Dr. B. Goldman, told "Yotm" the less seriously wounded men would probably be released next week. He said the hospital was geared to handle more wounded ex-prisoners, without disrupting the routine work of its departments.

Clergymen vis PoWs in Syria

TEL AVIV. — Representatives of the World Council of Churches (WCC) have recently visited Israeli pilots held in Damascus found them well and in good health. Rev. John Snook, of the WCC, informed Chief Rabbi Goren yesterday.

Rabbi Goren had earlier the Chief Rabbi of Switzerland, Alexander Shiffrin, to get the prisoners held in Syria. Rev. told Rabbi Goren that his mission would follow up its to the Israeli pilots.

PRISONERS RETURN

(Continued from page one)

yesterday morning was the twin-engine DC-9, which arrived early. Shortly after 8 a.m. a convoy of Magen David Adom ambulances drove onto the tarmac, carrying wounded Egyptian prisoners from Shmuel Harofeh Hospital, to be carried aboard the plane.

The prisoners, clad in starched green pyjamas and blue dressing gowns, were transferred to special stretchers provided by the Red Cross. Each was covered with a blanket, and his medical files, including x-rays, was secured to his chest.

Not all the wounded Egyptians who went home yesterday were soldiers.

Said, a 57-year-old farmer from the Fayid region, told The Post he was caught up in the war by mistake. Lying in an ambulance and patiently awaiting his turn to be carried onto the plane, he said he had been seeding a field near Fayid when some planes bombed his farm "and everything went up in flames. I was hit in the legs. I stayed there for six days and six nights, sleeping most of the time. I had no food or water."

"Then the Israelis came, and at first I was afraid. But they washed me and gave me food and drink and fine cigarettes. I am grateful. I shall always be grateful — I swear on my eyes," he said.

Another returnee, First Lieutenant Abu Hassan, 33, from a Cairo suburb, said the treatment he had received in Israel had been "very kind."

"My wife is pregnant. If she gives birth to a boy — our first — I will call him *salama* (peace)," he said. Would he let his son become an askari (soldier) like his father?

"No — never."

The Egyptian wounded included several ambulatory patients who were driven up in a bus-ambulance, its windows blacked out.

The last stretcher case to be lifted on board almost caused an incident. The IRC representative refused to accept an Israeli stretcher (slightly narrower than the aluminium ones furnished by the IRC) because it had a Star of David stencilled on its side. But the IRC stretchers would not fit into what little space was left. Finally a stretcher without the star was found, the broad hatch was lowered, and the plane was cleared for takeoff — direct for Cairo.

The trip from Tel Aviv to Cairo takes about an hour and 45 minutes, since the plane must go out of its way in order to make contact with Cyprus control tower: Lod and Cairo flight controllers are on "speaking terms" with one another.

The first batch of unwounded

Egyptians to be returned driven onto the tarmac about 11 a.m. in seven sightseeing buses, some reason the windows of vehicles had not been blacked out and the Egyptians were giving a long view of Lod Airport including a long line-up of He-162 turbo-prop long-range transport planes.

After being checked off by army police and IEC representatives they jumped out of the buses, sprinted — smartly raising knees — in single file up the way and into the waiting DC-

Israel beats U.S. soccer team 1-0

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

BEERSHEVA. — Israel beat visiting U.S. soccer team 2-0 in an unimpaired match before about 1,000 spectators at the sports stadium here last night. Both goals scored in the first half — Gidon Dantsi in the 12th minute and the other by Viki Reretz minutes later.

The visitors return to the today after losing both their matches against the Israeli squad — first by 3-1 in Tel Aviv on day.

ALIGNMENT LEADERS WANT WAR INQUIRY

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Most Labour-Mapam Alignment leaders yesterday came out in favour of appointing an inquiry commission into the question arising from the war's initial stage. This emerged from a joint session of the Alignment Knesset faction and the leadership bureaux of the Labour Party and Mapam.

The Alignment Cabinet ministers, who were yesterday on a tour of the western bank, did not attend the meeting. Another session will be held early next week to allow the ministers and more M.K.s to air their views. In the absence of a clear party consensus, it is not likely that Premier Golda Meir will determine the structure of the inquiry commission at Sunday's Cabinet meeting.

Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadin led those who favoured forming a public inquiry commission, but not a judicial one as called for by the Law for Inquiry Commissions.

Deputy Transport Minister Gad

Ya'acobi spoke out strongly for a judicial inquiry commission, holding that its conclusions would have the greatest credibility. Moshe Carmel advocated a parliamentary commission, preferably a sub-unit of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

Deputy Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Navon criticized the Government for not having stressed U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's "own admission to having made a mistake about the likelihood of war." Mr. Navon said the Government should have confessed it had made a mistake and then explain its reasons, and let the D.D. pursue its own internal inquiry.

"But as the Government has not done that it is now left with no alternative but to hold an inquiry." As for the arguments between military commanders, Mr. Navon said: "The Prime Minister should issue an order to her generals telling them to shut up, and that includes Haim Bar-Lev and Arik Sharon."

Firm opposition to any inquiry commission came from Government

whip Moshe Baram and Knesset Finance Committee chairman Israel Kargman. They urged that the Government should instead look into its own conduct and then issue a statement to the public. The Army should simultaneously pursue its own inquiry as it now being done. The political aspect should be left for the public to decide on December 31 (election day), they held.

The ILP Executive, meeting on Wednesday night, resolved that neither the Government itself nor the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee could adequately handle the investigation. It called for setting up a public committee made up of "independent personalities enjoying the confidence of the public."

The Likud's Mr. Shoval (State List) meanwhile warned yesterday that only a judicial inquiry commission could avoid creating another kind of Lavon Affair, with all its disruptive elements, out of the demand for a thorough investigation of the initial phases of the war. He is canvassing Opposition support for his motion.

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Ben-Aharon denounces colleagues, voids vote

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon yesterday denounced his colleagues for having discussed statements he made in New York, and declared their decision on the subject void.

The Histadrut Central Committee on November 8 took up Mr. Ben-Aharon's statements in New York, where he had been quoted as attacking Aluf Ariel Sharon and calling President Sadat a sensible man. The decision, moved by his ex-Ahdu Ha'avoda colleague, Nathan Almoshino, requested that the full transcript of his remarks be provided before holding a full debate on what he said.

Mr. Ben-Aharon yesterday wrote to Yitzhak Zevda, technical secretary of the Histadrut Executive, that he wants him to tell the 13 members of the Central Committee that "I reject outright the decision of November 8. It seems to me that never since the Histadrut was founded has such a disgraceful summing-up been adopted which

sims at imposing censorship on the secretary-general amidst submission to defamation from certain kinds of newspapers and of the Likud. Accordingly I wish to make clear that this decision is hereby voided."

An authoritative Histadrut source last night said that a sharp reaction to the letter could be expected. It was unprecedented that a Histadrut secretary-general should cancel his colleagues' decisions in such a cavalier manner, he said.

Labour Party sources last night gave out that Mr. Ben-Aharon was expected to announce his resignation at Sunday's weekly meeting of the Histadrut Central Committee.

WEIZMANN BOARD HEARS GAZIT

REHOVOT. — Aluf Shlomo Gazit, Special Assistant to the Minister of Defence, briefed the Weizmann Institute Board of Governors on the current military and political situation at yesterday's concluding session of the Board meeting here.

On the thirtieth day after the death of

Prof. N.H. TUR-SINAI

there will be a headstone setting ceremony and memorial service; Sunday, November 18, 1973, at 3.30 p.m. in Har Hamenuhot, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem.

Our thanks to those who offered condolences.

The Family

Thirty days after the death of our beloved

SELMA ZORN

(née Redlich)

we shall meet for a memorial service on Sunday, November 18, 1973, at 10.00 a.m. at the new Kfar Samir cemetery, Haifa

The Family

On the thirtieth day after the death of our beloved

BETTY JACOBVITZ

a memorial service and the unveiling of the headstone will take place on Sunday, November 18, 1973, at 1 p.m. at the Kfar Shmaryahu cemetery.

We shall meet at the home of the deceased, 85 Rehov Kaplan, Herzliya Pituah, at 12.30 p.m.

Our heartfelt thanks to all those who conveyed their condolences.

Dov Jacobovitz and family

Sapir: 'no more hawks or doves'

LOD AIRPORT. — The concepts of "hawks" and "doves" no longer apply in today's changed circumstances, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir said here yesterday shortly before leaving for a visit to Latin America.

Replying to questions from reporters, Mr. Sapir said, "The circumstances under which we are living today have changed beyond recognition. It makes me laugh when people label a certain person a hawk or dove. Those who cling to yesterday's concepts are not equipped to take part in the new developments occurring in our region."

The Minister will visit the Jewish communities in six Latin American countries in a 12-day tour. (Ithm)

J'LEM BUS SERVICE EXTENDED AN HOUR

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Starting this Sunday most Egged bus lines in Jerusalem will operate an hour longer, until eight instead of seven p.m. the Egged spokesman announced yesterday.

The following lines will operate until 9.30 p.m.: 18, 20, 25, 51, 82 and 83. Inter-urban buses on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem line will run until eight p.m.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy. Weather synopsis: A weak low over our region, with a shallow low over Crete.

Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem 52	13-18	13-20
Golan 52	13-18	13-20
Nahariya 59	11-25	12-25
Safed 51	10-17	10-18
Haifa 47	15-24	15-25
Tiberias 57	12-23	12-25
Nazareth 41	14-22	14-23
Afula 41	10-25	10-26
Shomron 51	14-22	14-23
Tel Aviv 60	14-22	15-24
Lod 45	13-24	13-25
Jericho 44	12-27	13-28
Gaza 71	12-23	13-24
Beerseha 47	10-23	10-25
Eilat 41	12-25	13-26
Tiran 39	16-26	17-27

Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received delegation of UJA leaders from the U.S. He also received a delegation of Belgian Jewish leaders.

Belgian Ambassador and Mrs. Frans Willems gave a reception at their residence in Tel Binyamin yesterday to mark Belgium's "Dynasty Day."

The doyen of the Consular Corps in Jerusalem, Italian Consul-General Enrico Olivieri, on Wednesday paid a farewell call on Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem, upon conclusion of his tour of duty. Henry Vandereche, Consul-General of Belgium, also called on the Mayor, on conclusion of his tour of duty.

Deputy Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi will speak on "Israel after the War" at the Haifa Engineers' Club at 1 p.m. today.

MARRIED — RUTH née SAMUEL just married.

ARRIVALS

Larry Adler, the harmonica virtuoso, to perform in the soldiers in hospitals (by El Al).

DEPARTURES

Shimon Peres, Minister of Transport and Communications, for a week's visit to the U.S. on behalf of the UJA (by El Al).

Knesset Members Menachem Begin and Matilda Ghez, for Paris, at the invitation of a French parliamentary pro-Israel group (by El Al).

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MR. SAM DUBINER

on the death of his father,

MAX DUBINER

and extend condolences to the family.

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GAVRIEL LISSY

The funeral will leave today, Friday, November 16, 1973, at 11.00 a.m. from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Dafna, Tel Aviv (Ichilov), for the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.

The Family

Staff of Tahal

My respects to the people of Eretz Yisrael,

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Chana Silmonson and Family, Ramat Bahkol, Jerusalem
Dov, Anne Pasternak and Family, Haifa
Miss Nina Devorah, Jerusalem
Mrs. Leah, WZCO, Haifa
The Management and Staff, Hotel Monopole, Tel Aviv
The Ladies and their Staff, Scottish Hospice, Tiberias

Joan Walker, Sydney, Australia

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The 'nature of peace' is now a central question CABINET TO BEGIN PLANNING POSITIONS FOR PEACE TALKS

DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

Israel's cabinet is expected to begin planning its positions for peace talks with the Arab states in the near future. The cabinet, which is expected to meet on Wednesday, will discuss the 'nature of peace' as a central question. The cabinet is expected to discuss the 'nature of peace' as a central question. The cabinet is expected to discuss the 'nature of peace' as a central question.

One vital issue which now demands consideration is that of the Egyptian blockade of the Red Sea. But knowledgeable sources say that Sharm el-Sheikh is still a major obstacle to a general agreement. Such thinking as has begun in Jerusalem to prepare for peace talks tends to reflect a general expectation that peace will come in stages rather than in one fell swoop. There are firm indications, say knowledgeable sources, that Washington shares this expectation.

While the territorial issue remains central to all peace thinking and planning, the 'nature of the peace' has become since the war a subject of central importance. It was stressed in the past — especially by Foreign Minister Abba Eban — and is now occupying other ministers and officials as the feeling spreads that, ultimately, Israel will have to cede more of the administered areas than it might have anticipated previously.

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Jerusalem Post Reporter

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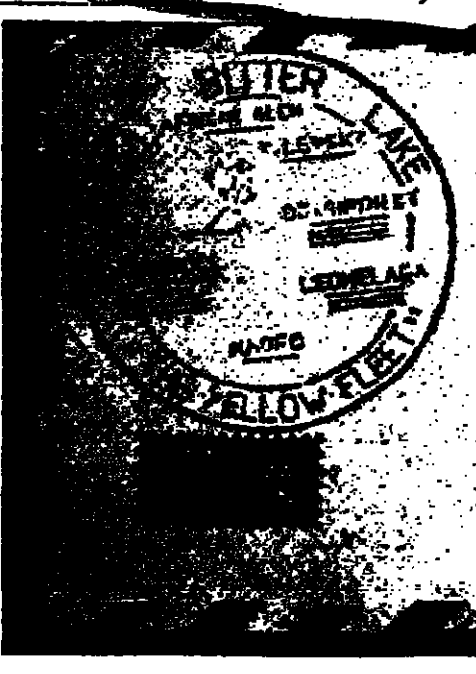
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The ships stuck in the Great Bitter Lake since the Six Day War have their own postmark, with the names of the ships and their nicknames "The Yellow Fleet."

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EILAT WELL SABOTAGED

EILAT.—Terrorists on Wednesday sabotaged a well in the Arava supplying water to Eilat and the Timna copper mines. They left a trail leading to the Jordan border. When technicians arrived at the well late Wednesday night to discover why the well was not working, they found that the pump and a near-by electricity pylon had been damaged by an explosive charge. Security forces were called in and followed the trail to the border. The damage was slight and has already been repaired. There was a disruption in water supplies to Eilat.

Building worker stabbed to death

Jerusalem Post Reporter
NETANYA.—A construction worker was stabbed to death yesterday in a squabble with a fellow worker on a building site in the town centre. Moshe Peretz, 23, of Or Yehuda died shortly after being admitted to the Hillel Yoffe Hospital in Hadera. The other man involved, whose name has not been released but is believed to be in his early twenties and from the Tel Aviv area — was traced by police to a Magen David Adom clinic in Tel Aviv. He was taken for questioning. It is assumed that he went to the clinic to receive treatment for wounds he received in the scuffle. The commander of the Netanya police told The Jerusalem Post that Peretz died of knife wounds. His body was taken to Tel Aviv for autopsy.

Hospitals to get new instrument

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Seven echo-encephalograph instruments, which help diagnose and localize brain lesions and tumours, have been donated to hospitals with neurosurgery departments to help with the treatment of wounded soldiers by Toronto businessman Louis Mayzel. He ordered the machines, which cost about \$4,000 each, after arriving here in the first week of the war and learning that Israel hospitals do not have them. The computerized, ultrasonic instruments are manufactured in the U.S.

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Live grenade brought into Eilat classroom

By SHEILA MELTZER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
EILAT.—A live grenade with its pin out was a pupil's present to his startled fourth-grade teacher here yesterday morning. It fortunately failed to explode, apparently because the release spring was broken. The teacher had been telling her 36 fourth graders at the Ahimsa elementary school to be especially careful of suspicious objects when nine-year-old Tsaffi Neumann handed her the grenade, which he had picked up just before school began. "I found the grenade in a puddle just beside the gate to school," Tsaffi calmly told The Jerusalem Post at lunchtime yesterday. "I took it into class and removed the pin, and when the bell rang I put it in my satchel. During the second lesson my neighbour prompted me to give it to the teacher — so I did, and she took it together with me to the principal. Then policemen came and questioned me." Asked if he knew what was he had been playing with, Tsaffi said "yes." He had not been afraid to handle it, he explained. According to police, the grenade failed to explode because the release spring was broken. It is assumed to have been lost by a soldier and then washed down by the rainstorm earlier this week. There is no suspicion of sabotage. A mine was found at Coral Beach yesterday, also having been washed down from the hills. This is a common occurrence in this area after flash floods as there are still mines unaccounted for dating from 1956. Sappers removed the mine.

Tennis league starting

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV.—The Israel Lawn Tennis Association plans to renew almost all its activities over the next fortnight. This will culminate on December 1 with the opening of its 1973/74 league season for men (the scheduled starting date was November 10). This was decided earlier this week when the ILTA's management committee met here to discuss Education Minister Yigal Alon's recent call for all sports events to be restarted at the earliest opportunity following the Yom Kippur War. The Association's youth training programme is getting under way at once with Yitzhak Parmet standing in for national coach Ian Froman, who is still on active service. Later this month it is intended to begin the second season of the Women's National Tennis League. Also starting will be the new Veterans' League (for men of 45 and over). In addition, the meeting decided to send a team to the 60-nation 26th annual World Tennis Championships, which start in Miami Beach on December 22. This will be the twelfth time Israel is participating in the event, the most important youth meet on the international tennis calendar. The Jerusalem Post understands the squad will consist of Yair Wertheimer and Danny Kalovsky. Wertheimer will be playing in the championships for the third successive time and Kalovsky making his Miami Beach debut. The first national tennis tournament scheduled for Israel is next month's Hahashmonaim Junior Championships in Tel Aviv.

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Carless day won't lead to insurance cuts

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The one-day-a-week ban on driving, to save petrol, is not likely to result in lower car insurance rates, Insurance Commissioner Dr. Ya'acov Pickler said yesterday. Some motorists had speculated that reducing their driving by about 1 per cent — one day out of seven — should earn them a corresponding premium rebate. The notion is supported by the fact that in the past a few insurance companies granted rebates to drivers who did not use their vehicles on the Sabbath. Dr. Pickler pointed out that drivers who pick Wednesday, for instance, as their "dry day" may increase their kilometrage on Tuesday and Thursday, so that the insurance risk and petrol consumption — are not really reduced. Also, people joining a car pool once a week are increasing the insurance risk. The greater number of passengers may result in higher insurance claims if the car is involved in an accident, he said. Finally, there is no way of knowing how long the "dry day" regulation will be in force, he said. Adjusting insurance rates for a three or six-months period only would be difficult, he added.

Taxi fares to go up

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Taxi fares will go up by a still unspecified amount within a week to ten days, the Transport Ministry spokesman said yesterday. He warned at the same time that drivers raising their fares now would be prosecuted. Fare increases were approved in principle at a meeting of the Public Committee on Prices on Tuesday. The Transport Ministry is now working out the new scale, which will go into effect after it has been published in the Government Gazette. Reports that fare increases would be 20 per cent in Tel Aviv and 15 per cent in other parts of the country, were described as premature by the spokesman. He explained that the eventual increase for Tel Aviv may be higher in order to bring up tariffs there closer to the level of the rest of the country. Tel Aviv tariffs have been 20 per cent lower than those in other cities, he said. The last fare increase was exactly a year ago, when tariffs for short and "special" service went up 14 per cent. The reason for the increase now — as then — is higher operating costs.

Water price may go up 20%

The Knesset Finance Committee, is expected to vote next week on a recommendation of the National Water Council yesterday that water rates be increased by approximately 20 per cent. The Agriculture Ministry's water commission says the increase is needed because of higher prices for electricity, the energy source used for water pumping. If the Knesset unit approves the increase, the higher water rates would be retroactive to November 1, and would affect all water consumers — industrial, agricultural and domestic.

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Religions in Jerusalem nate blood to PoWs

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Jewish and Christian members of the Meditran organization in Jerusalem for Israel and Egyptian prisoners of war, Salim Nammari of Wadi Joz, Dani Sabbah, who was the on active service near Eilat, Bashkasha in 1971, and a Baptist minister, at the blood bank off Via Dolorosa City. As extreme right, Samir Beda Sharaf, of the (London)

Merchants object to stock tax

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Jerusalem Merchants Association is protesting against the tax levied on stocks. The association, which is registered with the Ministry of Finance, said it regretted that the ministers concerned had not accepted its assurance on behalf of all merchants that existing stocks would be sold at their previous prices, and that no attempt would be made to profit from the recent price increases. The association also protested against the tax levied on stocks. The association, which is registered with the Ministry of Finance, said it regretted that the ministers concerned had not accepted its assurance on behalf of all merchants that existing stocks would be sold at their previous prices, and that no attempt would be made to profit from the recent price increases.

Soviets suddenly attack Nixon's 'brinkmanship'

ON (UPI). — Russia, which displayed studied restraint in the recent U.S. military alert, has suddenly attacked Nixon's "brinkmanship" in a broadside against Washington published yesterday for the most dangerous kind of cold war brinkmanship.

The publication of the Soviet weekly, which has often been critical of Moscow's official line on current problems, was a typical example of the most dangerous kind of cold war brinkmanship, "Soviet Weekly" charged.

Calling for vigilance, it said, the actions of those groups and countries which for their own narrow interests try to continue confrontation to sustain enmity must be exposed and made harmless.

Nevertheless, the Soviet publication stressed Moscow's continuing desire to keep détente going.

"The events of recent weeks have confirmed," it said, "that the easing of international tension is continuing vigorously, despite all the manoeuvres of the cold warriors."

Reverting to the U.S. nuclear alert, "Soviet Weekly" — evidently exploiting the differences between America and her allies — firmly sided with the other NATO countries against the American by Moscow.

"The peoples of NATO countries," it said, "saw with genuine horror how easily they could be pushed into a nuclear holocaust, without their governments, let alone their parliaments, even being consulted beforehand."

"In those circumstances it isn't at all surprising that the 'alert' has seriously damaged America's relations with its West European allies."

"The irony of the situation is only strengthened if, as many responsible American observers have suggested, the unjustified alert was proclaimed for purely domestic reasons," it said.

This charge appeared to be the strongest public censure of the Nixon Administration by Moscow since détente became the Kremlin's declared policy of cooperation with the U.S.

Soviets move in French arms

French arms sales to Arab countries have been dropping by five per cent since the first half of this year, according to a government report published yesterday.

The report, which was prepared by the French Parliament, says: "Arms sales are tending to drop, principally as a result of the competition from the Soviet Union."

French arms exports, which rose to \$737m. in 1969, rose to \$737m. in 1970, to \$737m. in 1971, to \$737m. in 1972, to \$737m. in 1973, to \$737m. in 1974, to \$737m. in 1975, to \$737m. in 1976, to \$737m. in 1977.

The French aircraft industry has been hit hard by the competition from the Soviet Union, which has been selling its aircraft at a price of \$400 for the same aircraft in 1972.

U.S. to continue supplying Israel as long as necessary

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — Deputy Secretary of State Kenneth G. Bissell said yesterday that the U.S. would continue to supply Israel with military supplies as long as it was necessary to maintain the balance of power in the Middle East.

Bissell said that the U.S. must be no doubt in any of our resolve to replace military supplies and to provide such equipment to Israel as is necessary to maintain the balance of power in the Middle East.

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Henry Kissinger and Japanese Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ohira at their talks in Tokyo. (AP radiophoto)

Japan demands U.S. assure oil supplies

Japan has asked U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger for American guarantees of reasonable oil supplies in view of Arab embargoes on production and export.

Government sources in Tokyo yesterday said Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka, Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ohira and Trade Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone had all emphasized Japan's heavy dependence on shipments from major Western oil companies, primarily American, in talks with the visiting Secretary of State.

They said Mr. Tanaka in particular had noted that the oil companies were imposing more severe supply restrictions than the Arabs, and hinted that Dr. Kissinger should intervene to ensure Japan equitable treatment.

There was no word of Dr. Kissinger's reaction to the approach.

Trade Minister Nakasone later told a press conference that Israel had no right to hold Arab territory it gained during the 1967 war. Asked if he meant Israel should give up all territory, Mr. Nakasone said: "You may make your own interpretation of what you have just heard."

He was also asked whether Japan was prepared to join in retaliatory measures against the Arab countries, as proposed by some European countries.

"Countermeasures are being considered," he said, "but Japan is not going as far as economic boycott."

(A Foreign Ministry spokesman, however, stressed that Japan was "definitely neutral" in the Arab-Israeli conflict.)

In London yesterday the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries said member countries will continue to restrict oil production until the international community decides to take "decisive and effective" measures to induce Israel to withdraw from Arab lands.

The declaration of Arab oil policy in the Middle East conflict was published as an advertisement in the "Guardian" newspaper.

Meanwhile, effects of the Arab oil squeeze continue to be felt around the Western world.

COPENHAGEN — Minister of Trade Erling Jensen is expected to ask approval Monday by a special parliamentary committee for making a ban on Sunday driving effective as of November 25. Since last Friday, Danish motorists, with few exceptions, have been adhering to new petrol-saving speed limits of 80 km. per hour on highways and 60 km. per hour on urban roads and streets. Danish towns already are becoming increasingly dark places, with few neon signs burning. Many towns also decided to curb sharply Christmas street illuminations.

BOONN — West German motorists face restrictions on petrol-buying, caused by moves by major oil companies to cut deliveries by 15 per cent. The West German Government has ordered fuel-saving measures for civil servants and has made clear that a Sunday driving ban could be expected if the population did not save fuel voluntarily.

LONDON — Many schools, shops, offices and other public places were chilly yesterday, the first day of the government's emergency restrictions on the use of electricity. They went into effect at midnight Wednesday to combat an energy shortage threatened by an overtime ban by coal-miners and electricity workers demanding pay hikes.

Ration books have been distributed to petrol stations and preparations have been made for speedy introduction of rationing, but a government spokesman said Britain expects to survive the winter without rationing petrol.

PRETORIA — South African Prime Minister John Vorster said Wednesday night that fuel rationing would be introduced on February 1, if no significant reduction in fuel consumption was attained by the recently imposed restrictions. These include a ban on Sunday motoring, water sports, motor racing and pleasure flying, as well as maximum speed limits of 80 km. per hour on open roads and 60 km. per hour in urban areas.

ROME — Italy has restricted exports of petrol and fuel oil to fellow Common Market members and all other countries in an effort to conserve supplies for domestic needs, an official announcement said yesterday. The measure was similar to a tightening-up on diesel oil and kerosene exports ordered last month.

The Transport Ministry announced that the national airline, Alitalia, has ordered pilots to cut speeds on long flights to save fuel.

Brezhnev planning visit to Hanoi soon

MOSCOW (UPI). — Communist Party Secretary-General Leonid Brezhnev is planning a visit to Hanoi, following trips to India and Cuba, in the next two months, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

They said the trip to North Vietnam, Mr. Brezhnev's first, probably would come early in 1974 and would serve to emphasize continuing Soviet competition with China for influence in Vietnam.

'France can't play single role in M.E.'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent PARIS. — French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert admitted here yesterday France could not play a role on its own in contributing to a Middle East peace settlement.

Writing in the Gaullist review "Avenir Democratique," Jobert said: "The reactions produced by the Middle East conflict mask a difficult situation which cannot be settled by our country alone."

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Air fares, cargo rates to rise 6%

Wounded 216 in London

Eight IRA bombers sentenced to life

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (UPI). — The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has tentatively agreed to boost air fares by 6 per cent to offset the rising cost of jet fuel, an IATA spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman said the six per cent increase, recommended by the traffic advisory committee, will be effective from January 1, 1974 if the proposal is approved by all member airlines.

The increase will apply to cargo rates as well, he said.

Approval from the IATA membership is a mere formality, the spokesman said, judging from the reaction of the delegates from 87 of the 103 member airlines who attended the three-day conference.

The spokesman told newsmen the fuel crisis had overshadowed all other topics discussed, including the perennial issue of hijacking.

IATA also asked member airlines to try to ensure they get priority in the event that fuel is rationed and to use fuel as efficiently as possible.

This last point evoked an immediate response from an opposition group, the International Air Carrier Association, which groups 15 independent charter airlines.

The charter group, in a statement from its Geneva headquarters, argued that it, rather than IATA, should get preference in allocations of fuel. Charter airlines were the most efficient type of passenger air transport, consuming the least amount of fuel per head because they had load factors of approximately 100 per cent, the group said.

"We believe that reduction of excess scheduled service to bring it in line with demand is more in the public interest than any restriction on charter services, already operating with maximum load factors," the statement said.

WINCHESTER, England. — A judge yesterday sentenced two sisters and six men in the Irish Republican Army (IRA) to life imprisonment for the bomb blasts that wounded 216 persons in London last March.

A ninth defendant, who pleaded guilty when the trial opened 45 days ago, received a 15-year sentence. A 10th defendant, 18-year-old Rolson McNearney, who gave information to the police, was acquitted in the trial.

All nine were convicted Wednesday of setting off the time bombs that exploded outside the Old Bailey criminal court and in the government Whitehall complex in downtown London March 8.

The bombers, all of whom admitted being members of the Provisional wing of the IRA, were nabbed by police at Heathrow Airport as they prepared to board a plane for Ireland shortly after the bombs packed in parked cars exploded.

The blasts, the worst in London since World War II — injured numerous persons at both sites. One of the injured died of a heart attack later that day.

During the sentencing yesterday, the judge had partially to clear the courtroom when hecklers in the public gallery began clapping and shouting as he read out his decision. The prisoners included Dolours Price, the 32-year-old alleged leader of the operation, and her 19-year-old sister Marion. They, like the rest in the dock, were from Belfast.

The hearing took place against a tense background of possible IRA reprisals. Scotland Yard said it was tipped off that the IRA planned to grab hostages in a bid to free the eight. There were also reports that the IRA might retaliate with more bombing in British cities.

As the verdict was announced, the condemned guerrillas, all self-confessed members of the IRA's Richard "Provisional" wing, began chanting "The Death March." It was a chilling warning, apparently intended as a death sentence on Miss McNearney, the one defendant acquitted.

The diminutive brunette, a one-time folk singer in Belfast clubs, had been branded a traitor by the captured guerrillas because she broke the IRA's vow of silence by talking to British security agents after all 10 were arrested the day of the blitz.

Two of the men found guilty, Hugh Feeney and Martin Brady, tried to grab Miss McNearney in the dock. Prison guards held them back. One of the accused hurled a coin at her and yelled: "Take your blood money with you."

The judge ordered armed detectives to protect the sobbing girl and told her: "I do not know what dangers will confront you when you leave this court, from others whom you once regarded as associates and friends. I hope all will be well with you."

"You have learnt a bitter lesson, and I hope it has taught you and others like you not to dabble in murderous enterprises."

Miss McNearney, who ran weeping into her father's arms, was later escorted from the court by armed detectives and driven to a secret hideout.

TITO — President Tito of Yugoslavia ended a four-day visit in Kiev with Leonid Brezhnev, General Secretary of the Communist Party, yesterday and flew home. Brezhnev gave the 81-year-old Yugoslav leader three kisses on the cheeks and a hearty bear hug.

Police open fire after kidnappers free German tycoon's daughter

MUNICH. — Kidnappers yesterday freed the daughter of a millionaire restaurateur Friedrich Jahn, West Germany's "fried chicken king," in return for 3m. marks (\$1.2m.) ransom, police said.

They said the armed, unidentified kidnappers set Evelyn Jahn, 22, loose on a road north of Munich early yesterday when her fiancé handed over the ransom cash provided by her father, the owner of the Wienerwald restaurant chain.

Police officers fired several shots at the kidnappers in an ensuing chase and said they might have wounded one, but the men escaped in a red BMW sedan which they later abandoned. Radio broadcasts said the men, perhaps as many as five in number, were armed and considered dangerous.

Miss Jahn returned from work in one of her father's discotheques on Tuesday night when several men stopped her at the entrance to her apartment's garage.

She was forced to leave her yellow speedster at the gate and was dragged into the kidnappers' car before her eyes were blindfolded. The car then raced off into an unknown direction, possibly toward the city of Augsburg, some 100 kms. west of Munich. There she was kept in a modern apartment for several hours while the kidnappers contacted her family via a Munich daily newspaper. They demanded three million marks (\$1,154,000).

Jahn, who was in Austria to help open another in his restaurant chain, was asked to hand over the cash in small denominations at a parking lot in East Germany. He refused on the grounds that East German police might confiscate the money.

POLICE KEPT OUT

The kidnappers agreed on an alternative site in the north of Munich early yesterday morning where Evelyn's fiancé took the cash in exchange for the hostage. Jahn had asked police to keep out of the affair until his daughter was safe.

This police did, but they surrounded the area where the exchange took place near a forest on the road to suburban Schleissheim, apparently without the kidnappers' noticing. Seconds after Miss Jahn was safe, police opened fire on the pair. The car swerved and tried to get away, but was damaged by police bullets and had to be abandoned.

The two kidnappers continued their escape on foot, with one of them possibly wounded by a police bullet. They did not return the fire, but managed to escape into the dark and rain-drenched forest.

Miss Jahn, after a jubilant reunion with her parents and fiancé, joined police at their Munich headquarters where she assisted in the possible identification of her kidnappers.

Police said she gave a very accurate description of two of the men and a host of other details, such as the Augsburg number plate of the car she was taken away in.

Police said they had a good notion of the identity of at least one of the persons described. They also said the ransom money's serial numbers were also registered before the cash was handed over.

Jahn, 49, started his career as a head-waiter and began in 1955 to build up a chain of restaurants specializing in fried chicken and other fast grilled foods. It now has more than 400 outlets in West Germany, the U.S., Austria, Japan, France, Italy and elsewhere.

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PRISONERS AND AFTER

THE first of the 238 Israeli soldiers taken prisoner by Egypt returned home yesterday. In exchange, Israel began sending back some 7,400 Egyptian war prisoners. A purely numerical comparison of the two groups may suggest a measure of unfairness in the "trade." Getting its men out of captivity has been, for Israel, almost an end in itself. This overwhelming concern with the fate of every single soldier may spell political disadvantage for a small nation. But it is the true measure of Israel.

There is added cause for joy today in the knowledge that among the returnees are nine Israelis held prisoner in Egypt since the days of the War of Attrition. But there is also rage over the fact that scores of unreported Israelis — those left alive by their captors — are still in the notorious Syrian camps, where they are apparently intended to serve as pawns in a game of political blackmail.

With the completion of the prisoner-of-war exchange, Israel and Egypt will have finally made the cease-fire agreement workable. They will also have taken the first small step towards establishing some degree of mutual respect.

The road to peace will be long and arduous, even if the peace talks begin as early as the U.S. Secretary of State has proposed, which could mean early next month. An agreement to make peace after more than 25 years of warfare cannot be anything like an agreement to cease-fire after some three weeks of fighting.

Loopholes and ambiguities need not be fatal to a cease-fire agreement, which, by and large, only freezes the situation on the ground. Even as early as this stage we have discovered that the Egyptians are reluctant to tell the truth to their people. They did not wish the agreement made at Km. 101 to be known in Egypt, and announced only that wounded Israeli prisoners were returned, and that the road to Suez was now under "U.N. control."

Because the issues are relatively minor differences can be smoothed out by means of a judicious give-and-take, but they should not be concealed.

A peace agreement between countries as desperately at odds as Israel and Egypt, made in the same way, and which consisted only in a laboured and denied attempt to paper over the disagreements, would only be a prescription for catastrophe.

Dear Dr. Kissinger,

The statement you made in Washington on October 26 to the effect that the conditions which brought about the Yom Kippur War were "intolerable to the Arabs" and that Israel would have to make substantial concessions both vindicates the Arabs and condones wanton aggression. It shows, moreover, that our Government failed to convince you that the Arabs were in fact the aggressors.

The only "intolerable condition" from which the Arabs suffer is the fact of the existence of a Jewish State in the midst of their vast territories and their continued failure to annihilate it. The worst "condition" that Israel's secure and peaceful existence could mean for the Arabs is that of their 100 million people, one per cent would be living as a minority in the Jewish State with full rights.

The immediate practical consequences of the doctrine you are trying to impose on Israel is quite clear. Every Israeli step backward will increase the combined Arab and Soviet pressure for more and then more concessions, until the balance of strategic circumstances makes successful resistance by the victim impossible. I do not have to tell you that there is a point beyond which the quality of men and of arms cannot compensate for loss of strategic depth. And surely you do not put your complete trust in Arab or even Soviet signatures on the guarantees in a peace treaty.

Moreover, it is a serious error to think that by sacrificing Israel's security, Western interests and

In the following open letter to U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, Land of Israel Movement leader SHMUEL KATZ challenges the idea that putting pressure on Israel to make concessions is a desirable step in the direction of achieving peace in the Middle East. He warns the American statesman that it is in America's best interest to check the growing presence of the Soviet Union in the Middle East and Africa—a menace whose only stumbling block is the Jewish State.

world peace will be preserved. The scenario of your policy, it seems to me, could have been written by Neville Chamberlain. The punitive cease-fire agreement and later the incredible saving of the Egyptian Third Army are all too reminiscent of the Munich Pact. What is being done seems as incredible to us as Munich seemed to the Czechs.

Let me spell out the truth, however obvious, of the international implications of your apparent policy. Israel is the last bulwark of the West against the assault of a potentially pursued policy of Soviet imperialism, the last line of defence against the swamping of the entire Middle East and of the African continent by Soviet influence and expansionism.

If Israel withdraws in Sinai, the whole zone will be overrun at a speed — already being planned in Moscow and Cairo — which will be irresistible.

Middle East oil, which for all its economic importance also symbolizes the gilded and gluttonous decadence into which Europe seems to be sinking, would pass directly into the control of the Soviet Union. Within months, perhaps, the peoples of the Middle East and Africa would become vassals of the Soviet Union. The way of life and, before long, the very survival of the West as a meaningful entity in the world would be at the mercy of the Soviet Union. Its defence system would have become grotesquely devalued.

You, Dr. Kissinger, are behaving

towards us as though you believe that by your policy you are preventing a war between the Super-Powers. The Russians are no more anxious for a war than you are.

Perhaps you honestly believe that their threat is real, that the Russians are in fact prepared to take the risk of an armed clash with you now, when you have the overall strategic advantage. But what kind of perverse logic suggests to you that their readiness will evaporate precisely when they have turned the strategic balance in their favour, when they will have laid hands, *inter alia*, on a large part of the world's oil?

Can you prevent this? Once the Soviets are across both banks of the Suez Canal, and freely deploy their naval strength in the Mediterranean how will you prevent their purposefully pursued penetration into the oil-countries of the Middle East? On what local forces will you depend to resist their demands? On King Faisal and his sons and brothers? On the major military powers of Abu Dhabi and Kuwait?

Yet there is still hope that this process can be halted, even in this black hour.

First, mistake
We trust that our Government will not persist in its first mistake of giving way to pressure. The time to stand firm is now, while we are still strong. If we stand firm now, while still holding the fort against Soviet expansion, the people of the United States will not abandon us. If you stand firm, Dr. Kissinger, the Soviet Union will not go to war. There is no reason to believe otherwise.

If, however, we are forced to withdraw from the Suez Canal to vulnerable boundaries, we shall in the end still fight. We shall not be a second Czechoslovakia. We cannot be a second Czechoslovakia. The Czech people did not disappear when they lost their independence. But if the Arabs are enabled to deal us the final blow, what will be at stake will be the physical existence of our people. It is idle for us to pretend to be horrified at the thought of civilized America, Bri-

tain and the rest "permitting" noddy. How were six million murdered by Hitler if not by silent resignation or acquiescence of the civilized world? And have not forgotten Biafra, and hundreds of thousands of N. Sudanese whose extermination is a headline in the New York press, nor the mass kill in Bangladesh. We have no slain.

If our State goes under, it is not only the three million lives, Israel, sustained and driven by memory of the millions slain by Hitler. The destiny of the million Jews in the Soviet U. of all Jewish communities throughout the world, including those of the United States, will be decided by Israel's fate.

We would not go down in a fight. Any pragmatic statesman who under the threat of Arab Soviet barbarism, have toyed the thought that the interest of Israel's three million — and three million themselves — have to be regarded as expendable on the altar of world peace, making a dangerous miscalculation. The altar will burn with the fice.

Many people are today in and praying that the process have initiated will be halted, again, Dr. Kissinger, think — and now. For all our sakes.

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Moving toward negotiations

Davar (Elstadrut) defines the exchange of prisoners-of-war as "The start of the implementation of the cease-fire agreement which Israel and Egypt signed, while giving divergent interpretations to some of its provisions, but on which they were in principle prepared to reach an agreed conclusion. That conclusion was reached on Wednesday and if it is honoured in full by all involved it holds out prospects of further stages of the settlement." Israel, the paper notes, has successfully held out for what it feels to be essential: control of the Cairo-Suez Road and checks to assure that supplies for the Third Army are non-military.

Hatzofe (National Religious)

writes that international bodies must now be brought into play to save the POWs in Syria. The next stages are the lifting of the blockade at Bab el-Mandeb and the disengagement of forces. This will again be a test of Egypt's intentions, and as the six-point agreement to a package deal, Egypt will have to be flexible since Israel's forces remain in the field and the Third Army and Suez remain surrounded. If the agreement can be implemented in all respects while the cease-fire continues and Egypt makes no attempt to change the map by force, negotiations on the basic problems of the dispute can follow. This assuming no serious border incidents and elections as scheduled, will mean that public attention will focus on borders and territories, and every organized section of the Israeli public will have to define its position on these matters.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) believes that, with the first stage of the second completed, possible lack of agreement on the second step towards a settlement — disengagement — need not hold up the third main stage: the actual peace talks. With all due caution, one may look to the future with far greater optimism.

Ha'aretz (non-party) commenting on the hard bargaining that preceded the agreement, concludes that more difficult negotiations must be expected, but that there is reason for hope of good results.

Hamodia (Agudat Israel) is gratified, but asks: "What next?" To believe that peace is already round the corner is wishful thinking, the paper says.

CARELESS DAY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — The N.R.P.'s proposal that the careless day be Saturday is abominable. With the banning of private transport, soldiers will be unable to visit their homes and families.

STEVE LEVINE

Kibbutz Kfar Szold, November 10.
Sir, — It is quite natural for the religious ministers to suggest that Sabbath be the careless day. To my great surprise, Mr. Peres did not come out immediately with the counter-proposal that if Sabbath is the careless day, then obviously public transport will have to run.

On November 11, Mr. Friedler suggested we follow Holland's example and make Sabbath the corresponding careless day, as it is easier to enforce. But in Holland, public transport runs on Sundays and from what I read in the papers, trains, trams and buses do a roaring trade on these careless Sundays.

HAVA TAN GELDER

Tel Aviv, November 11.

GERMAN "NEUTRALITY"

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — (Nothing) not the friendship of "old friends" like Zaire and Ethiopia, nor the hypocrisy of Britain, can match the supreme cynicism of German "neutrality." The people who were directly responsible for the unspeakable horrors and atrocities which caused the death of six million of our brothers and sisters dare to stay the hand of those who want to help us save what was left after their crimes!

PROF. I. SOLOVICHET

Ramat Gan, October 27.
Sir, — Has Mr. Brandt forgotten the airlift to Berlin in 1948 that he is so touchy about airlifts nowadays?

KURT J. GAWRON

Tel Aviv, October 28.

WELCOME WORDS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — A friend in need is a friend indeed. The interview of Mr. Axel Springer with your excellent reporter, Ari Rath, was just in time to give those young readers of The Post hailing from Germany the encouragement and the knowledge that, even in our days, there are some Germans who dare to speak out. Axel Springer is one of them and I and many of my friends are ready to subscribe to his principles dictated by genuine humanity and love for Israel and our people. I am sure that, in the ruling Socialist Party in Germany, there are also many people who think like Springer, but he is the man who spoke up at a time when we needed his words and his visit to our country.

DR. ALFRED FRANKENSTEIN

Ramat Gan, November 4.

PEN FRIENDS
ALBERT ERNST JUN. (21), of 31 Cello Gr. Hehlen, Gusterweg 18, West Germany, would like to correspond with a young Israeli girl in German, English or French. He likes to read good books and listen to music, particularly Beethoven.
LINDA BATEMAN of 35 Ashmore Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, would like to correspond with Israelis who are 24 or older.

PEACE THROUGH AGREEMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Harry Lipkin's analogy ("Finish off Arab nationalism" — October 24) between the Arab states on the one hand and Germany and Japan on the other and his consequent call for the total destruction of the Arab war machine breaks down on one crucial point: The Germans and Japanese had no equivalent of the Soviet Union to retain them and interminably re-supply them with arms. The fact is, of course, there is no Arab military machine, only a massive receptacle for the Soviet machine, and unless we are prepared either to take on the Soviet Union or to attempt the

complete extermination of the Arab peoples, there is simply no way for us to duplicate the allied achievement of World War II. We can destroy the Arab armies and equipment, perhaps, but how long will it take for Russia to re-train and re-arm them? Six months? Two years? And then where are we? And what, besides a painfully brief respite, have we gained?

No, destruction is no answer this time. It is merely anger substituting for reason and sober realism. Whether peace through agreement is possible, I do not know. But it seems our only hope.

WILLIAM FREEDMAN

Haifa, October 24.

NO IMPOSED SETTLEMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — As the likelihood of peace negotiations grows so does the feeling of disgust that we are about to have a so-called "negotiated settlement" imposed upon us from above.

Without a doubt, we will once again be called upon to compromise, give up, or in some way accept a "just and lasting settlement" that will give great comfort to our neighbours but none to ourselves.

The gratitude we owe to the U.S. is immense, but surely not so great that we must put aside our own need for self-determination and a possible chance of victory. The decision to stop fighting was America's, not ours. If we pull back and relinquish territory, all those who died or were maimed in this horrible war will have done so for nothing.

We cannot allow ourselves to become the Czechoslovakia of the Middle East, and we do not want a Munich Agreement thrust upon us; we must therefore allow no one, enemy or friend, to decide our destiny for us. Israel is already isolated; Jews here have suffered much already — further isolation and a little more suffering would be a small price to pay for retaining our integrity and freedom.

GORDON AUSTIN

Ashdod, October 31.

RUSSIAN CLERGY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I fully realize that what I have to say may appear of very small interest in view of the present war situation. I would like, however, to draw your attention to a mistake in the coverage of the Mayor's reception of Sucoot (October 17). You wrote that the Russian clergy present were representatives of the Moscow Patriarchate.

This created the erroneous impression that the Soviet clergy were the only Russians at the Mayor's reception, while it was the other way round. In fact, it seems they no longer dare show themselves in the streets since the beginning of the war. According to our knowledge, only members of our (anti-Soviet) Church were at that reception, and we feel as free as ever to move about in Israel.

ARCHIMANDRITE SERAPHIM, for the Chief of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem.
In the absence of Archimandrite Anthony Grabbe Jerusalem, October 23.

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